MINUTES OF THE HOLLYWOOD PARK DEER COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2017

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session on November 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Opening Meeting Laws. Committee Chair LuAnn Montgomery called the meeting to order. Committee Members present were LuAnn Montgomery, Carol Ingham, Tonya Cummings, Nancy Swan, Barbara Schmitz, Michael Crevoisier, Doug Brown, Ricky Smith, Reid Loehman and Debbie Trueman. Also present were City Secretary Janice Alamia and attorney Artin DerOhanian.

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING.</u> Carol Ingham made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 Deer Committee meeting, as presented, and Doug Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tonya Cummings made a motion to approve the minutes of a Special Meeting of October 23, 2017, as presented, and Nancy Swan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIALS OF DEER COMMITTEE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2017. The financials were presented and discussed. Annual budget for deer management supplies is \$8,500.00, with a balance of \$8,441.63. Deer Manager Salary is \$6,000.00 with a balance of \$6,000.00. Deer Committee attorney fees budget is \$4,200.00, with a balance of \$4,200.00. Carol Ingham made a motion to accept the financials as presented and Nancy Swan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS. There were three Wildlife Incident Reports:

9/29/17 380 Mustang Circle Dead doe, possibly from coyote. Lymph nodes taken

for CWD testing.

10/03/17 228 Mecca Dead doe in back yard.

10/26/17 104 Sunway Dead doe.

Mike Crevoisier made a motion to accept the wildlife incident reports as presented and Barbara Schmitz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION. None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Review, discuss and take possible action on H.P. Deer Management expenditures. No action taken.
- 2. Update on status of CWD samples. As of November 13, 2017, HP had collected three CWD samples.

3. Review, discuss and take possible action on 2017-18 trapping season and issues related thereto. The Committee discussed how many, if any, deer to remove. With only 3 CWD samples, in order to move any deer, HP would need to kill 12 deer for testing. The Committee had previously considered moving a maximum of 20 deer. Chair Montgomery pointed out that HP would be processing deer and not sending them to ranches. The cost including CWD testing would be approximately \$90-100 per deer to process. Barbara Schmitz was totally against getting rid of any deer this season, as she is seeing less and less deer, and HP has a coyote issue and they are taking many fawns. Debbie Trueman agreed that the numbers were not high enough to have to move deer this season. Nancy Swan agreed that the Fall census number was low enough to not move any deer this season, particularly since we would be killing them. She was adamantly opposed to removing any deer this season. Doug Brown felt HP has a responsibility to continue to test for CWD and assure the health of the herd and set a minimum amount of samples per year. Deer Manager Tomasini stated that HP should move 20 deer this season or would have to move more next year. Mike Crevoisier expressed concern about complying with the State on CWD testing, and Debbie Trueman explained that HP is not required to submit any samples unless it moves deer, but that HP could continue to submit samples from dead deer. Tonya Cummings agreed that no deer should be moved, and was not in favor of killing deer simply to reduce the number by 20. Tomasini clarified that HP would still have to send in 15 CWD samples even to process the deer. He thinks it will get more difficult to transfer to ranches in the future because of CWD. Doug Brown made a motion to remove 20 deer and Carol Ingham seconded. Doug Brown, Michael Crevoisier, Reid Loehman, Ricky Smith and Carol Ingham voted in favor; Nancy Swan, Tonya Cummings, Barbara Schmitz, Debbie Trueman and LuAnn Montgomery voted against. The motion did not carry due to a tie vote with the Chair voting. The Committee discussed whether Council had a voice in Deer Committee decisions and Chair Montgomery explained that Committee decisions are presented to Council for consideration. There was additional discussion on CWD requirements and the proposed continuation of testing of dead deer. Michael Crevoisier asked whether the coyote problem falls under authority of the Deer Committee or the City Council and the attorney responded that it may fall within the purview of the deer manager to the extent that it affects the deer; the Deer Committee's authority revolves around the deer, and things that affect the deer. Manager Tomasini stated that based on the number of does in the last census, HP could reach 200 deer next year if we don't remove 20 this year, and Nancy Swan responded that that is not a given. There was discussion on allowable dates for trapping/processing, and it was noted that HP can process deer year round.

CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

The following items were set for the November agenda:

- 1. Review, discuss and take possible action on H.P. Deer Management expenditures.
- 2. Update on status of CWD samples and issues related thereto.
- 3. Review, discuss, take possible action on 2017-18 trapping season and issues related thereto.

Next Deer Committee meeting was set for Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>. Carol Ingham made a motion to adjourn and Reid Loehman seconded. Chair LuAnn Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED A CORRECTED () THIS DAY OF	AS SUBMITTED (V). January, 2018.
Comb	nittee Chair, LuAnn Montgomery
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Secretary, Debbie Trueman	Attorney